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RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/972,282 filed October 5, 2001  
Applicant: Benne VELSHER; For: OPTO-ELECTRONIC PACKAGE FOR INTEGRATED SEALING  
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CLIENT NUMBER: 81925.0005  
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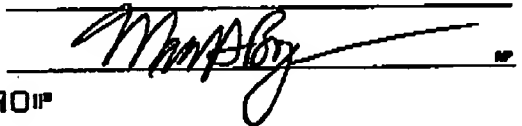
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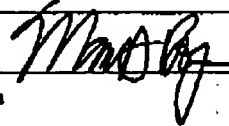
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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Application Number	09/972,282
Filing Date	October 5, 2001
First Named Inventor	Benne VELSHER
Art Unit	2874
Examiner Name	Jerry T. Rahil
Attorney Docket Number	81925.0005

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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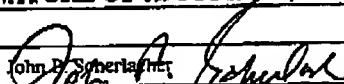
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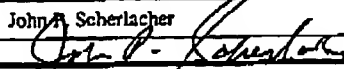
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